

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. Chair, I submit the following list of organizations supporting Amendment 8, the Bartlett/Flake Amendment:

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)  
 Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)  
 Associated General Contractors (AGC)  
 Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC)  
 Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT)  
 Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)  
 Merit Elevator Contractors Association of America (MECAA)  
 National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)  
 National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC)  
 National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
 National Right to Work (NRTW)  
 National Taxpayers Union (NTU)  
 Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBEC)  
 U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
 Women Construction Owners & Executives, USA (WCOE, USA)

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SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chair, I submit the following letters:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

*Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.*

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON, *Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN McKEON: I write concerning H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, as amended. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

However, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Committee will forgo action on this bill. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill does not prejudice the Committee with respect to

the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation which fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction. I request you urge the Speaker to name members of the Committee to any conference committee named to consider such provisions.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the committee report on H.R. 4310 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. MICA,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.*

Hon. JOHN MICA, *Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
 COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.*

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" McKEON, *Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN McKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Financial Services in H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. The bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Financial Services under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive the Committee on Financial Services' right to a sequential referral. I make this commitment with the mutual understanding that this will not prejudice the Committee on Financial Services with respect to its prerogatives on this or similar legislation. Further, it is our mutual understanding that the Committee on Financial Services be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any issues relating to the provisions that fall in our jurisdiction. Our Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support of any such request.

Further, I appreciate your agreement to include this letter and a copy of your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest in this matter in your committee report and in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 4310.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

SPENCER BACHUS,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.*

Hon. SPENCER BACHUS, *Chairman, Committee on Financial Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Committee on Financial Services has valid jurisdictional claims to a certain provision in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Financial Services is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.*

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON, *Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN McKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 4310 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This is, of course, conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Further, I request your support for the appointment of Science, Space, and Technology Committee conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this and any similar legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest be placed in the legislative report on H.R. 4310 and the Congressional Record during consideration of this measure on the House floor.

I look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

RALPH M. HALL,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.*

Hon. RALPH HALL, *Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is not